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USEFUL IN THE REGULATION OF CELL  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir or Madam:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please make the following amendments:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 3, Line 19: please delete "or 2".  
Claim 4, Line 21: please delete "or 2".  
Claim 5, Line 23: please delete "or 2".  
Claim 6, Line 1: please delete "or 2".

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Attached hereto is a page containing a marked-up version of the amended claims.